

Mamasa language

Mamasa is an Austronesian language of Sulawesi, Indonesia.

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Dialects

Three dialects can be distinguished:^[3]

- Northern Mamasa
- Central Mamasa
- Pattae'

Speakers of Pattae' are a culturally distinct ethnic group traditionally more affiliated to the Mandar people than to speakers of the Northern and Central Mamasa dialects in the interior, and for that reason Pattae' is considered by its speakers to be a language separate from Mamasa proper (i.e. Northern and Central Mamasa).

Phonology

Mamasa has the following consonants and vowels:^[4]

Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	voiceless	p	t		k	ʔ
	voice	b	d		g	
Fricative			s			
Nasals		m	n		ŋ	
Lateral			l			
Trills			r			
Semivowels		w		y		

Mamasa	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Sulawesi
Native speakers	(100,000 cited 1991) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">South Sulawesi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toraja<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mamasa</div>
Dialects	Northern Mamasa <p>Central Mamasa</p> Pattae'
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mqj
Glottolog	mama1276 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mama1276) ^[2]

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
High	i		u
Mid	e		o
Low		a	

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